



Cambridgeshire Mammal Group



HOW TO REPORT/RECORD THE DEATH OF A BADGER ON THE ROAD

This is a question we get asked a lot! Therefore we've produced this short note for people to take away and keep for reference.

First thing to say - although badgers and their setts are protected by law dead badgers do not need to be reported to the police (unlike dead dogs, horses, etc.), after road accidents. And, although otters are a European Protected Species, dead otters don't need to be reported either.

If you see a dead badger by or on the road don't put yourself in danger by stopping or parking up to do something. If you can stop/park safely then the first thing to do is take a note of where it is (the road number, obvious local features like junctions, bridges, etc., an Ordnance Survey grid reference (off your smartphone??) if possible), and the date and the time you found it.

If the badger is on the road and moveable (and it's safe to do so), then if you feel able move it on to the verge and out of the way. If it's already there (badgers frequently get hit by vehicles and crawl away to die) then leave it be.

Your report of the death to us can be via our website to iRecord at <https://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/enter-casual-record> or via the Badger Trust at <https://www.badgertrust.org.uk/report> (from both of whom we get downloads of information).

We as a Group no longer collect and bury dead badgers nor attend sites of road deaths unless we get a report of a number of deaths at the same place and or at the same time. Those reports may indicate a sett nearby or a crime scene.

DEAD OTTERS - if you find one of these, please send us the information about where it is (as above) to our e-mail address (cambsmammal@gmail.com) as soon as possible.